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Mr. Harger read an interesting paper on "November Wild Flowers," followed at the afternoon session, by Mr. M. L. Fernald, "On the Geographic Distribution of certain New England Plants," which was carefully illustrated by numerous herbarium specimens, and a paper by Mr. W. E. Britton, "Notes on the Flora of the North Haven Plains," which was aided by photographs.

A work undertaken by this Society is the preparation of an accurate list of the flora of the State, to accomplish which, in part, a committee on phaenogamous and vascular-cryptogamous plants was appointed. Another committee, for work upon the lower cryptogams, will be announced later.

The former committee consists of Dr. C. B. Graves, New London; Dr. E. H. Eames, Bridgeport; Mr. C. H. Bissell, Southington; Mr. L. Andrews, Southington; Mr. E. B. Harger, Oxford; and Mr. J. N. Bishop, Plainville.

The preparation of the flora would be made less difficult, if all who can supply specimens and information of value, will assist the committee as much as possible. To this end any member may be addressed, with the assurance that full credit will be given for all available material, together with the thanks of the Society, and of all who are interested.

E. H. EAMES, M.D.,  
*Secretary.*

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## NEWS ITEMS

Volume 2 of the Memoirs of the New York Botanical Garden, consisting of a monograph on "The Influence of Light and Darkness upon Growth and Development" by Dr. D. T. MacDougal, was issued on January 20. It is expected that a review notice of this work will appear in the March number of *TORREYA*.

"Additional Observations on the Strand Flora of New Jersey," is the title of a paper by Dr. John W. Harshberger, of the University of Pennsylvania, issued in December from the Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. This is supplementary to the author's "Ecological Study of the New Jersey Strand Flora," published in 1900.